How To Recycle Old Christmas Cards Into Gorgeous Christmas Gift Boxes

Turn This:

Into This ……

Materials
- 1 Old Christmas Card (preferably square, although once you have practised with a few, you can use any shape card cut down to your required size)
- A piece of tissue paper or wrapping paper (3x the size of the Christmas card)
- Glue, or glue stick or double sided tape / sticky tape
- Ribbon &/or stickers &/or embellishments / glitter etc to decorate

How long will it take?

Approx 10-15 minutes depending on final decoration

Step 1

Split the Christmas card into 2 along the fold

Step 2

Cut the tissue / wrapping paper into 3 squares, each slightly larger than the back piece of the Christmas Card.

Using 2 of the squares, with glue / glue stick / double sided tape, cover the back piece of the card (front & back).
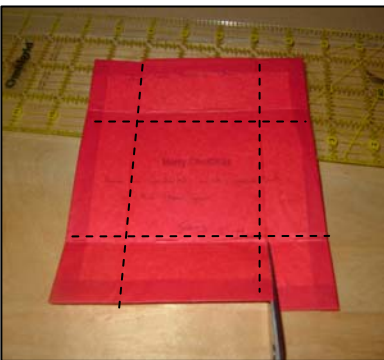

Step 3

Place a ruler approx 1 inch over one edge of the covered piece of card (this determines the height of the box side, so you can make this narrower or wider to suit). Fold the card against the ruler.
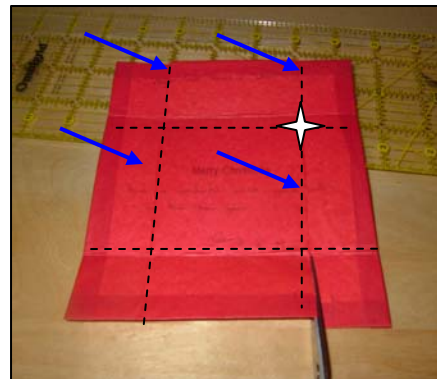

Repeat this for each edge, making sure that you keep the same distance from the edge to the fold each time.

The dotted lines in the 2nd diagram represent the 4 folds.

Step 4

Make 4 cuts <u>along the fold</u> as shown by the blue arrows in the picture below. Do NOT cut beyond where the folds cross (i.e as demonstrated by the white star for one of the cuts).
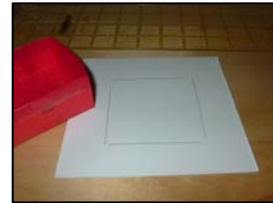
Step 5

Apply some glue or sticky tape to each of the 2 middle tabs you have created, bend the side up & fold each end in to stick against the middle tab to form the box base.

You have now made the base of the box.

Step 6

The lid for the box, made from the front part of the Christmas Card, needs to be slightly larger than the base to ensure it slots over it. One of the easiest ways to achieve this, is to place the front of the card face down on the table & use the box base you have already made as a template to trace around. Take care to place the base completely central on the card.

Step 7

Repeat steps 3 to 5 to make the lid, as it is formed the same way as the base.

Step 8

Take the remaining square of tissue / wrapping paper, scrunch it slightly & place into the gift box base.

Finally, decorate the sides and top of the lid with ribbon / bows / stickers / embellishments / glitter etc as you desire.

Happy Crafting !